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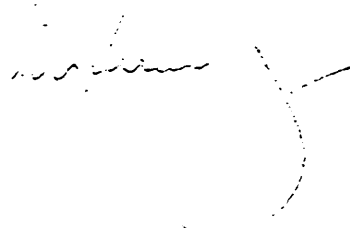
WASHINGTON

January 7, 1963

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I enclose a copy of a letter I have just sent to Adlai Stevenson, thanking him and his colleagues for their work in the Cuban negotiations which are now ending. I am sure I do not have to tell you personally how much I also value the work down at this end, but perhaps you would be willing to pass my hearty thanks to those down the line who have contributed to this fine piece of work. Good diplomacy at the point of negotiation requires strong support from home, and the professional performance in New York has been matched in the Department.

Sincerely,



The Honorable
Dean Rusk
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Adlai:

As the negotiations to wind up the Cuban missile crisis come to an end, I want to send my thanks and congratulations to you personally, and through you, to all those who have worked so hard in support of you and Mr. McCloy. This negotiation has been conducted with great skill and it has been marked, all the way through, by prompt reporting, skilled drafting, and responsive execution of instructions. I know that this has meant hard work, late hours, and high professional performance under pressure for many members of your mission. You will know better than I which particular officers deserve particular commendation, but I do want all of the United States Mission to the United Nations to have my hearty thanks and warm appreciation.

Sincerely,

The Honorable
Adlai E. Stevenson
2 Park Avenue
New York 16, N. Y.